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DECISION

**THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL
OF THE UNITED STATES**
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20548

FILE: B-197907

DATE: March 11, 1980

MATTER OF: ENSEC Service Corp.

DIGEST:

[Protest alleging specification deficiencies
not filed prior to bid opening date is un-
timely and not for consideration on merits.]

ENSEC Service Corp. (ENSEC) protests various specification deficiencies in invitation for bids (IFB) No. GS-03C-00063, issued by the General Services Administration (GSA) for the procurement of security guard services. We dismiss the protest because it is untimely filed.

Our Bid Protest Procedures provide that a protest based upon an alleged impropriety in a solicitation which is apparent prior to bid opening must be filed prior to bid opening. 4 C.F.R. §20.2(b)(1) (1979). ENSEC reports that the bid opening date was February 15, 1980. The protest was filed on February 25, 1980. Therefore, the protest is untimely and not for consideration on its merits. See Plasmadyne, B-193726, March 7, 1979, 79-1 CPD 162.

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